



## The King of Kings and the King of Beers make a great pair for Carnival!

Carnival is shifting into high gear, as the final Grand Parade is only two weeks away, and the events are now one after another. No carnival parade is complete without the bands and the music, and this year Claudius Phillips, known as “Mighty Talent” took the twin crowns of Calypso King and Roadmarch King on February 4<sup>th</sup>, making his song “Lenga Afo” the song that will be most heard during the parade. Parade-goers will line the streets of Oranjestad and San Nicolas, and they will see Mighty Talent and his band performing on his striking platform that he “baptized” in the parking lot of Playa Trading in Eagle on Friday night, just in time for the San Nicolas Lighting Parade the next day. Another Carnival tradition, the sponsorship of Playa Trading, distributors of Budweiser, The King of Beers, Aruba Bank, Hooters, and Drive Motors of his outstanding trailer enabled Claudius to produce quite a work of art that will certainly add to the festive ambiance of Carnival.

Joining Claudius for the unveiling of his band platform was Carnival veterans Lady Eyes and Mighty Campo, Aruba’s Carnival Queen Infantile, plus fans and friends of Mighty Talent, one of Aruba’s most popular Carnival performers.

Everyplace has their own special traditions, and as Mighty Talent doused his trailer of Carnival 52 with champagne, cameras clicked and the gathering cheered. “Lenga Afo” means “Tongue Out” and refers to how carnival celebrants are panting after a day of dancing through the streets in the hot sun. The children were happy to demonstrate this new dance step, which will be seen all through the streets of Aruba during the coming parades, so don’t be insulted when someone sticks their tongue out at you!